REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 initially filed have been cancelled.

New Claims 18-34 have been filed.

Claims 18-34 are pending in the application.

The preliminary amendments are filed to comply with the claims structure and wording according to the United States Patent law. It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed.

Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

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